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A TOP OFFICIAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) PUT FORWARD TO THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT A PLAN WHICH HE FEELS THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIDER SERIOUSLY IN THE WAKE OF THE GLOOMY ECONOMIC SITUATION THE COUNTRY IS GOING THROUGH, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL REPORTS TODAY.

MR. WINSTON PRATTLEY, OUTGOING UNDP REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA SAID AT A FAREWELL RECEPTION HELD IN HIS HONOR HERE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRY.

ACCORDING TO THE MAIL, MR. PRATTLEY SAID AS ONE WHO HAD WITNESSED "THE BOOM AND BUST" OF THE ECONOMY FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, HE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT ZAMBIA ESTABLISH A STABILIZATION FUND FOR COPPER REVENUE BOTH IN TERMS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND GOVERNMENT REVENUE DESIGNED TO COUNTER-ACT THE WIDE FLUCTUATIONS

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IN ZAMBIA'S INCOME FROM THIS SOURCE.

THE OUTGOING UNDP OFFICIAL ALSO SAID ANOTHER PROPOSAL WAS THAT ZAMBIA SHOULD CONVENE A DONORS' CONFERENCE WHICH SHOULD SERVE TO ENHANCE THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THAT ALREADY EXISTED BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES ASSISTING WITH ZAMBIA'S DEVELOPMENT.

THE MAIL REPORTS THAT TWO MEN WHO WORKED AT THE AIRCRAFT REPAIRING BASE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN ARMY CROSSED INTO NORTH KOREA ON OCTOBER 12 "AFTER BEING SUBJECTED TO ALL MANNER OF PERSECUTION."

THE NEWSPAPER QUOTES A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA HERE AS SAYING THAT THE TWO MEN, LI JANG SU, 43 AND CHO BYONG UK, 37, WERE FORCED TO JOIN THE ARMY

WHEN THEY WERE DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE, THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND WORK IN SOUTHERN KOREA WHERE "UNEMPLOYMENT IS RIFE". THEY THEN REJOINED THE ARMY TO WORK AS AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS, SAYS THE MAIL REPORT. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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